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**She is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in American Education and Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She has chaired ISELA, the Illinois Special Education Coalition (whose membership includes 13 Statewide organizations) for 32 years.**

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